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Applicant LINDER, Hans et al	

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05 April 2001 (05.04.01)

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To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 14 June 2001 (14.06.01)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference 110011201	
International application No. PCT/SE00/01754	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 September 2000 (08.09.00)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 110011201	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/SE 00/01754	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 8 Sept 2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 10 Sept 1999
Applicant ABB AB et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures.

☒ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE 00/01754

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: H01H 9/20, H01H 9/28, H01H 9/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: H01H, H02B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5196658 A (LANCE GULA), 23 March 1993 (23.03.93), column 1, line 37 - line 50; column 2, line 22 - column 3, line 10; column 3, 4/ line 57 - column 6, line 16, column 8, line 50 - column 9, rad 52	1,4-9
Y	--	2,3,10-15
Y	DE 3025174 A1 (FELTEN & GUILLEAUME CARLSWERK AG), 28 January 1982 (28.01.82), abstract	3,15
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

13 December 2000

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Y	US 5477016 A (PIERRE BEGINSKI ET AL), 19 December 1995 (19.12.95), column 1, line 1 - column 2, line 2; column 2, line 25 - column 4, line 19, figures 1,4, abstract --	2,10-14
A	US 5700985 A (KENNETH M FISCHER ET AL), 23 December 1997 (23.12.97), see whole document -- -----	1-15

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US	5196658	A	23/03/93	AU 646564 B AU 1713192 A	24/02/94 03/12/92
DE	3025174	A1	28/01/82	NONE	
US	5477016	A	19/12/95	DE 69405022 D,T EP 0612087 A,B ES 2107775 T FR 2701617 A,B	29/01/98 24/08/94 01/12/97 19/08/94
US	5700985	A	23/12/97	NONE	

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Method and device for interlocking

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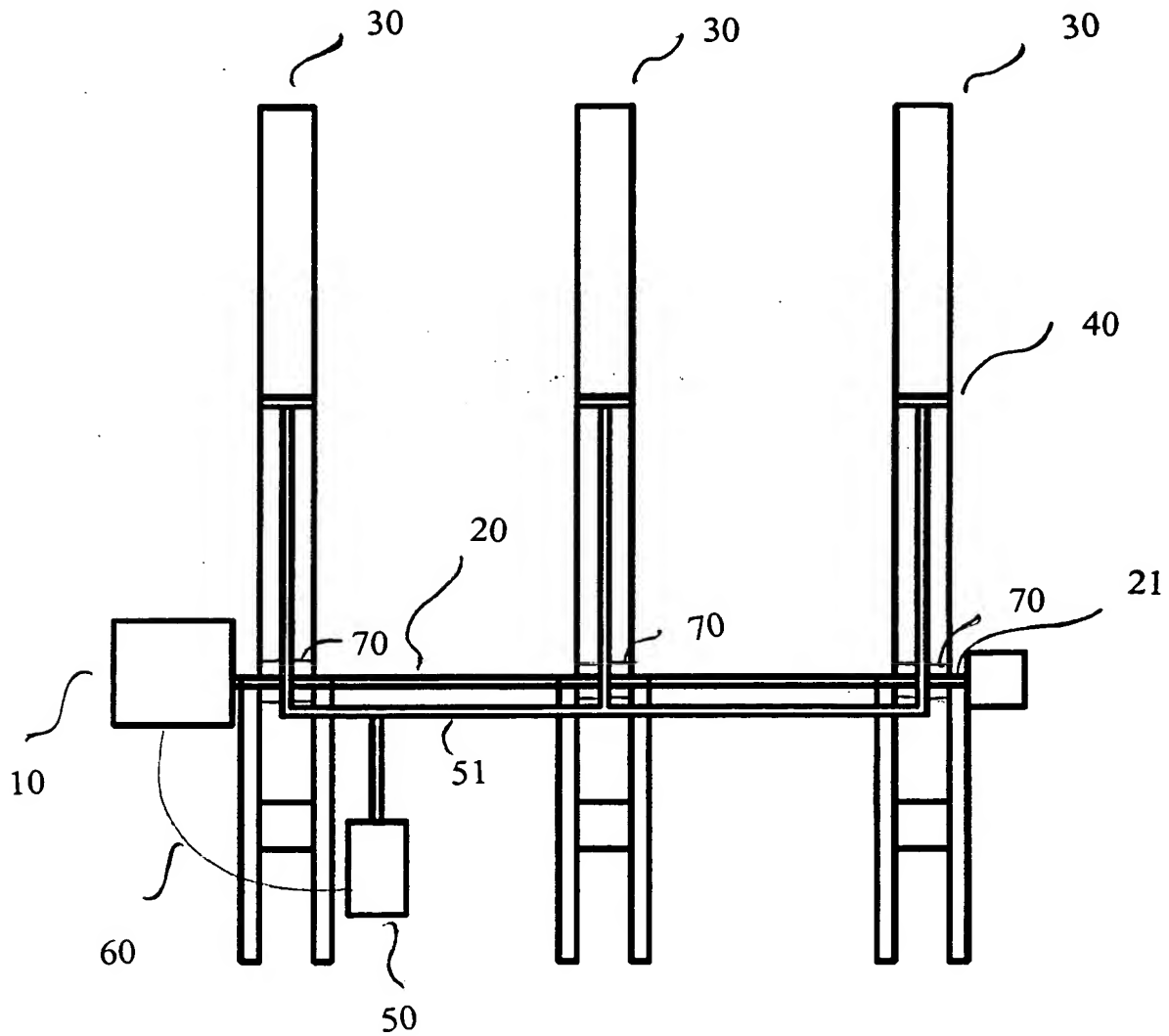


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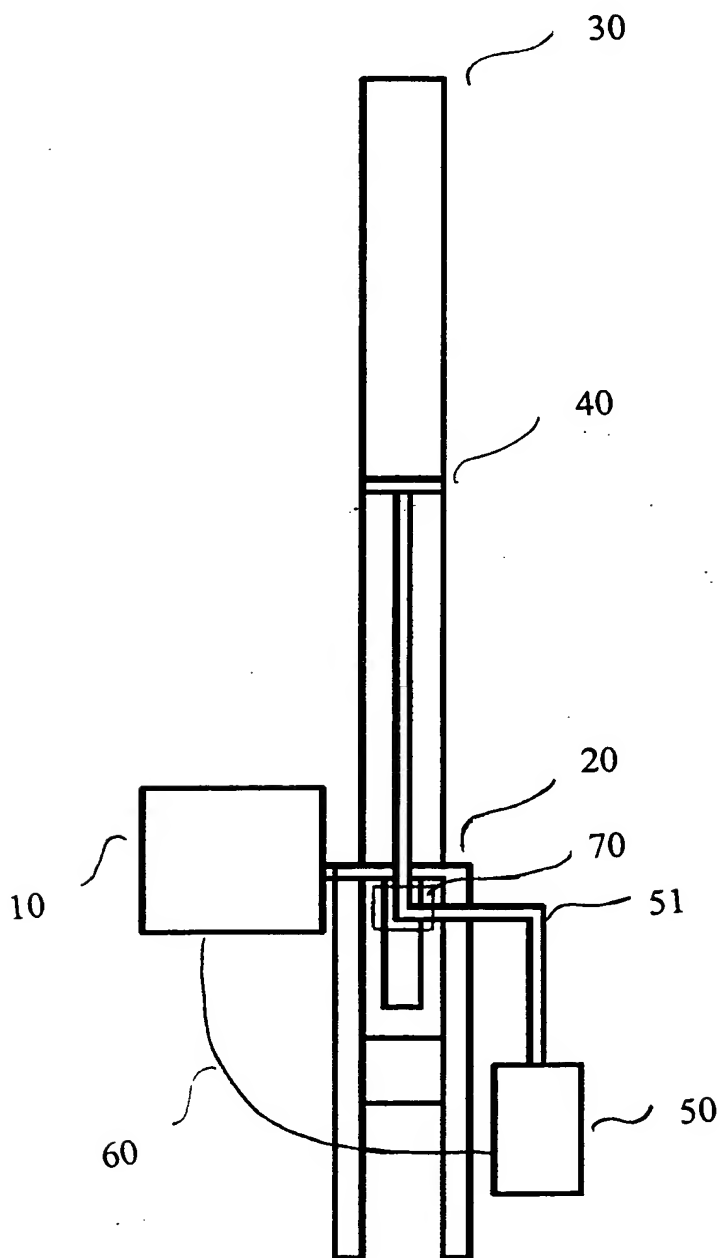


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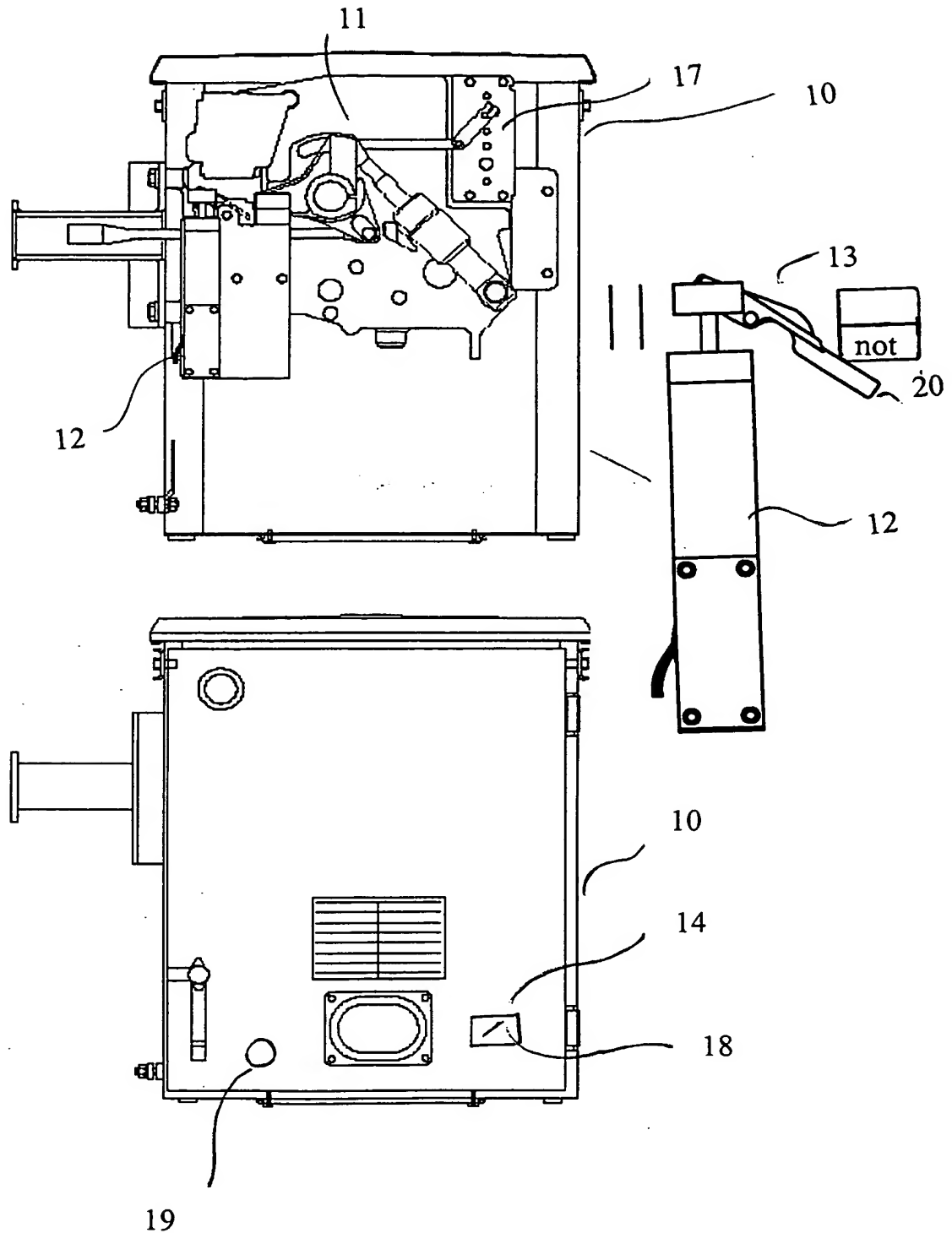


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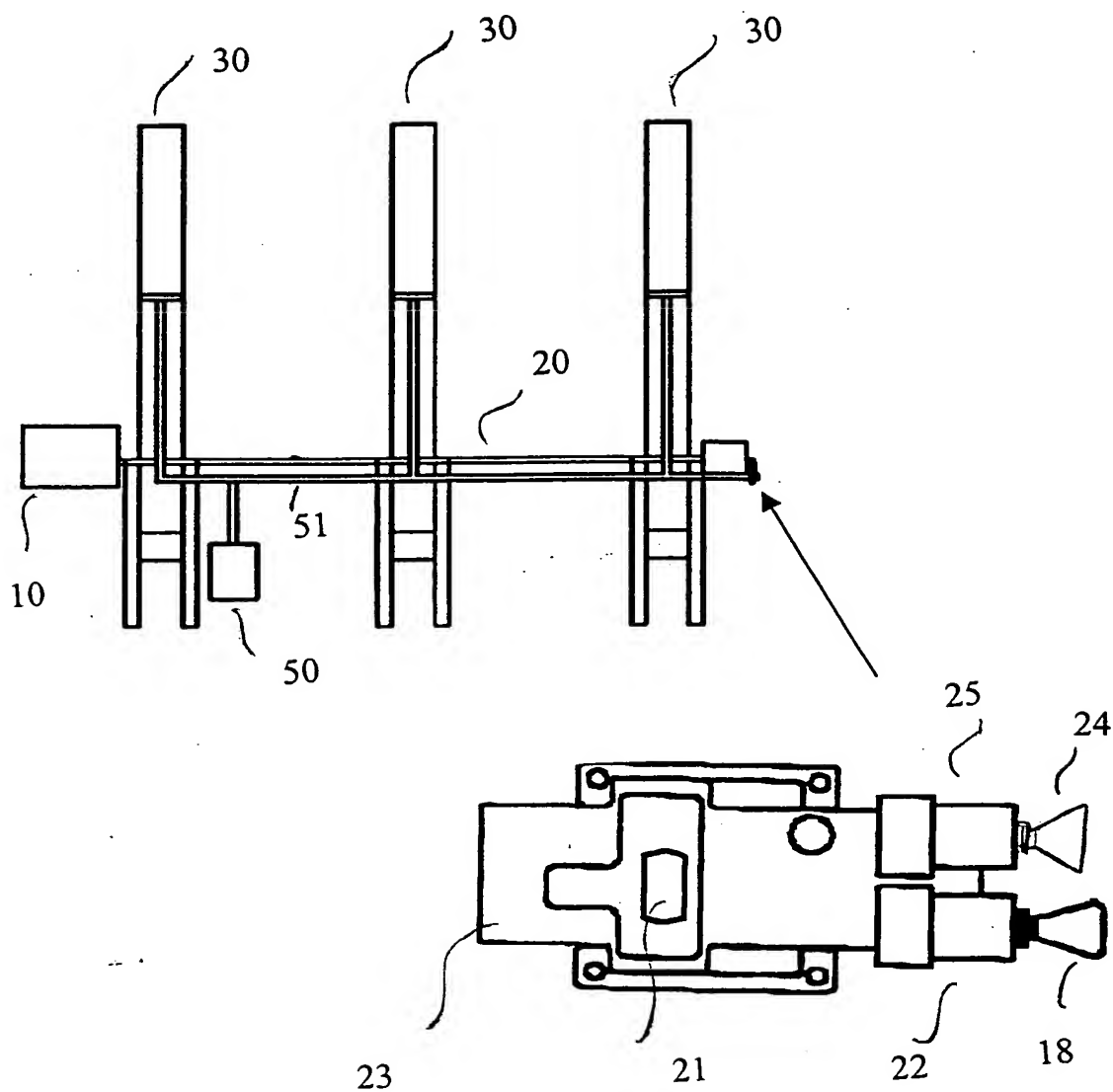


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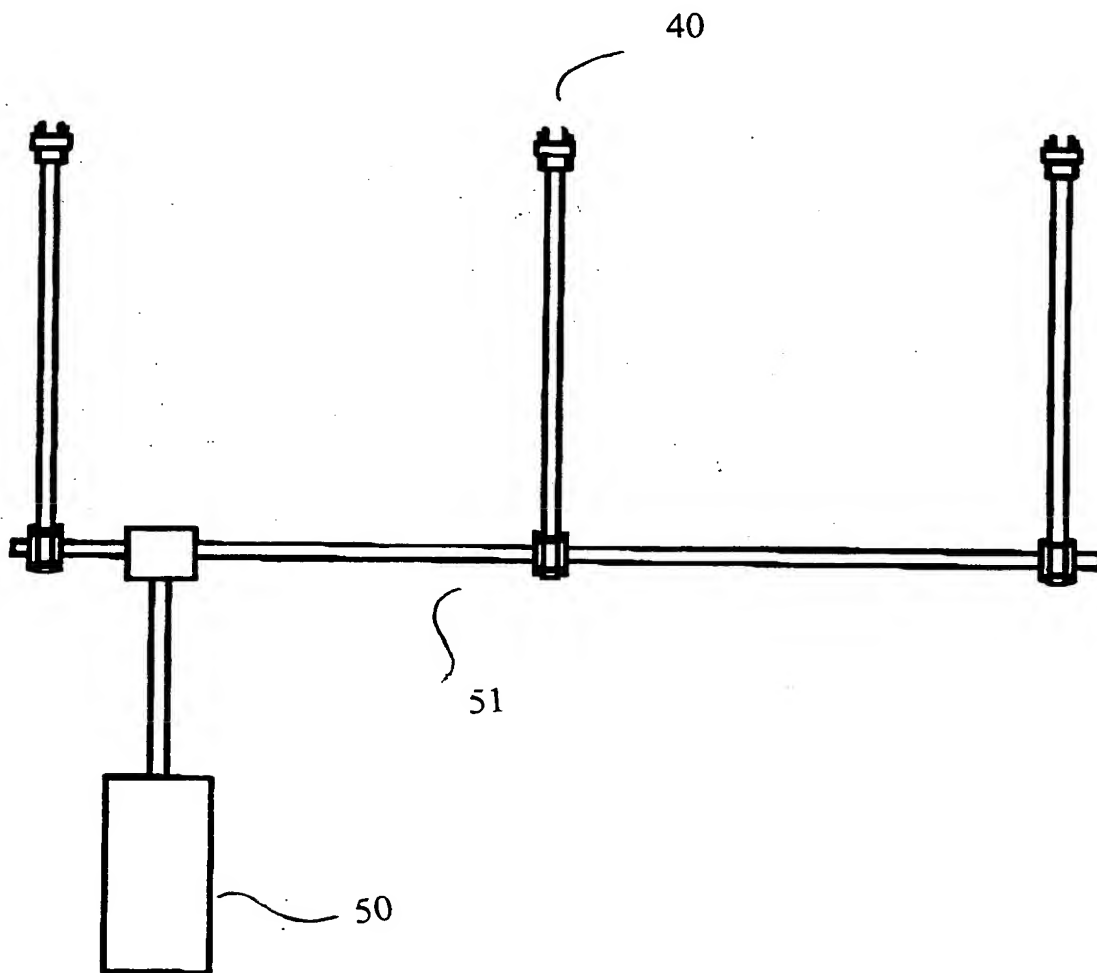


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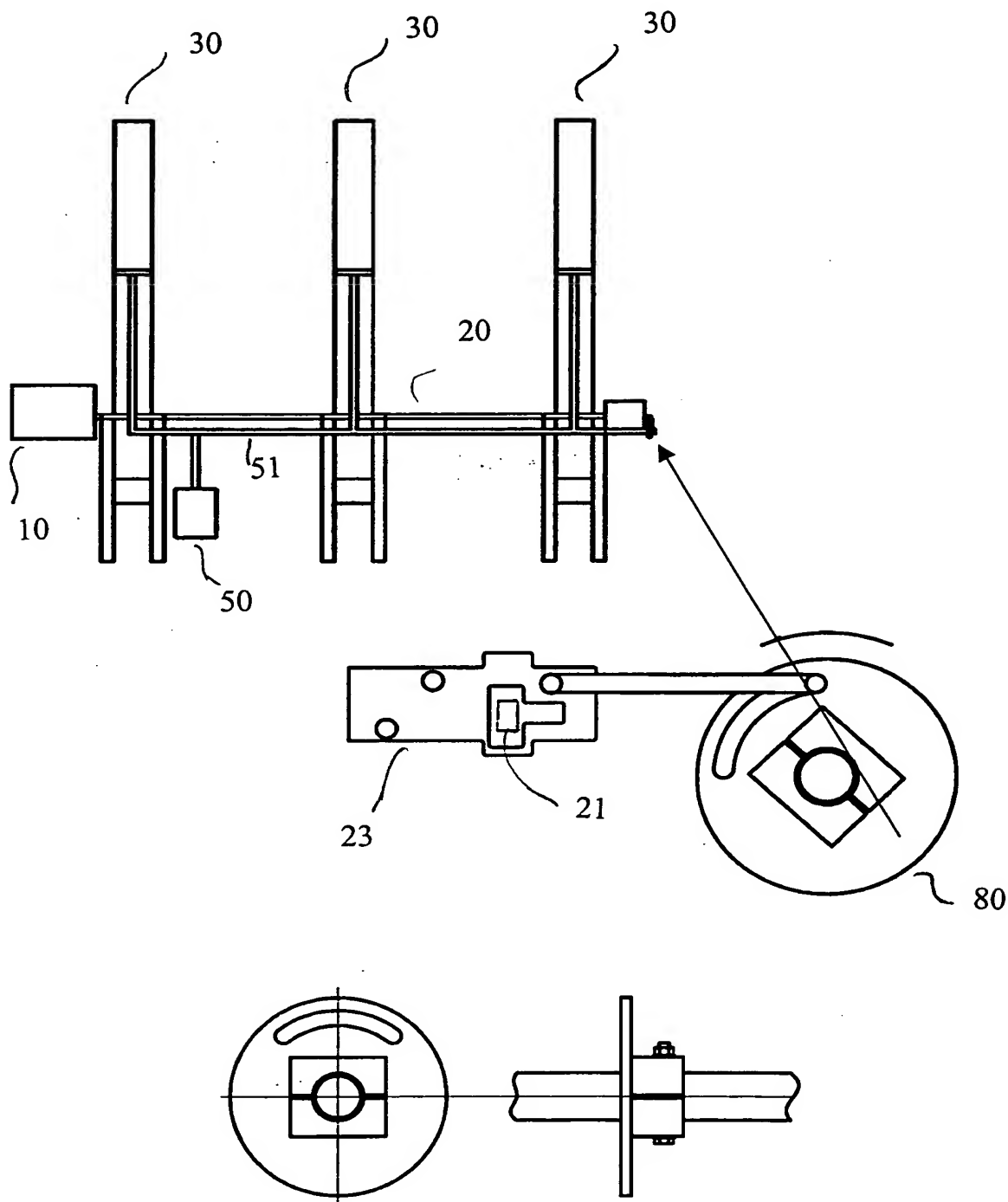


Fig. 6

SÄTT OCH ANORDNING VID FÖRREGLING

Tekniskt område

Föreliggande uppfinning hänför sig till ett sätt och en anordning för att förregla en fränkskiljande brytare.

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Teknikens ståndpunkt

Tidigare har säkerhetsföreskrifter krävt en fränkskiljare med visuellt öppet isolationsavstånd vid arbete vid exempelvis högspänningsställverk. Enligt traditionell lösning har en brytare och en fränkskiljare tillsammans säkerställt att den del av en anläggning där arbete skall utföras är bortkopplad. Denna typ av lösning kräver minst en, ofta två, fränkskiljare med krävande underhåll för att säkerställa korrekt funktion. Varje fränkskiljare skall installeras korrekt med utrymmeskrävande fundament och kostsam installationstid. Föreliggande uppfinning avser att lösa de ovan nämnda problemen. Syftet är att tillhandahålla en säkerhetsmässigt tillförlitlig kompakt lösning som är enkel att tillverka och kostnadseffektiv för kunden. Konstruktionen medger tillverkning av delarna enligt känd teknik.

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Sammanfattning av uppfinningen

Föreliggande uppfinning hänför sig till ett sätt och en anordning för att förregla en fränkskiljande brytare. Enligt nya regler har det tidigare kravet på visuellt öppen fränkskiljare ersatts med krav på tillförlitlig indikering av fränkopplad anläggningsdel.

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Vid förregling av en en- eller mångpolig fränkskiljande brytare, som innefattar ett länksystem, ett s.k. stängsystem, för till- och fränslag av brytarens kontakter, förreglas först brytarens manöverdon både elektriskt och mekaniskt. Då brytaren är i sitt öppna läge utgör avståndet mellan brytarens kontakter isolationssträcka för fränkskiljarfunktionen. Den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av manöverdonet indikeras såväl elektriskt som mekaniskt.

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Förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon åstadkoms med hjälp av ett elektromagnetiskt spärrdon vilket kan manövreras med ett handmanövrerat nyckel- och låsdon. Spärrdonet kan i en föredragen utföringsform även manövreras fjärrstyrt. Manövreringen av det handmanövrerade nyckel- och låsdonet styr i en föredragen utföringsform en elektromagnet som förreglar ett spärrpaket hos brytarens manöverdon genom att dels bryta manöverströmmen till spärrpaketet, dels blockera spärrpaketet mekaniskt. Nyckeldonet frigörs från låsdonet efter förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon och används i ett andra

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låsdon för mekanisk förregling av stångsystemet med hjälp av ett blockerdon. Stångsystemet låses i förreglat läge med ett andra nyckeldon och ett tredje låsdon. Förreglingen av stångsystemet visas med minst en indikator.

Enligt en utföringsform av uppfinningen används det andra nyckeldonet med ett
5 fjärde låsdon för frigörande av ett blockerdon, vilket möjliggör manövrering av jordkniv eller motsvarande jorddon. Efter att jordkniven anslutits till brytaren blockeras jordkniven i anslutet läge och låses med den andra nyckeldonet och det fjärde låsdonet.

Den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon kan i en föredragen utföringsform åstadkommas med ett fjärrmanövrerat förreglingsdon. Den
10 fjärrmanövrerade förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon visas av elektriska och mekaniska indikatorer på brytaren samt av indikatorer på fjärrmanövreringsdonet. Det fjärrmanövrerade förreglingsdonet innefattar manövrering av blockeringsdon för jordkniv, varefter jordknivens rörelse medför förregling av stångsystem. Systemet enligt uppfinningen är säkerhetsmässigt mycket tillförlitligt genom att förreglingarna i en föredragen utföringsform utförs med
15 nyckelutbyten, och att elektriska och mekaniska indikatorer på olika sätt visar att brytaren är förreglad.

Kortfattad beskrivning av ritningsfigurer

Fig. 1 visar en principskiss över en fränksiljande brytare för trefasssystem.

20 Fig. 2 visar en principskiss över en fränksiljande brytare för enfasssystem.

Fig. 3 visar ett manöverdon för manövrering av brytare.

Fig. 4 visar förregling av stångsystemet med blockerskiva och lås.

Fig. 5 visar manöverdon för jordkniv samt förregling av jordkniv med blockeringsdon försett med lås.

25 Fig. 6 visar förregling av stångsystem vid fjärrmanövrering.

Detaljerad beskrivning av föredragna utföringsformer

Fig. 1 visar en principskiss av en fränksiljande brytare för tre poler. Ett manöverdon
10 styr ett länksystem, s. k. stångsystem, 20 vilket sammankopplar polerna samt styr läget på brytarens 30 kontakter. På varje pol indikeras läget på brytarens 30 kontakter, t ex med en mekanisk pil 70. En jordkniv 40 styrs av ett eget manöverdon 50 vilket står i direkt elektrisk förbindelse med manöverdonet 10 genom en kabel 60 kopplad mellan manöverdonen. Vid
30 förregling av den fränksiljande brytaren förreglas först manöverdonet 10 såväl elektriskt som

mekaniskt med hjälp av en elektromagnet 12. Därefter förreglas brytarens 30 stångsystem 20 mekaniskt. Indikeringen åstadkoms i en föredragen utföringsform elektriskt med en lampa och mekaniskt med t ex en pil. Nyckel- och låsdon är i en föredragen utföringsform Castellås med tillhörande nycklar. När såväl manöverdonet 10 som stångsystemet 20 är förreglat
5 möjliggörs manuell manövrering och låsning av jordkniven 40 enligt känd teknik.

Fig. 2 visar en principskiss av en frånskiljande brytare för en pol. Ett manöverdon 10 styr ett länksystem, s. k. stångsystem, 20 vilket styr läget på brytarens 30 kontakter. Läget på brytarens 30 kontakter indikeras, t ex med en mekanisk pil 70. En jordkniv 40 styrs av ett eget manöverdon 50 vilket står i direkt elektrisk förbindelse med manöverdonet
10 10 genom en kabel 60 kopplad mellan manöverdonen. Vid förregling av den enpoliga frånskiljande brytaren förreglas brytaren enligt samma princip som vid förregling av den trepoliga frånskiljande brytaren.

Fig. 3 visar manöverdonet 10 för manövrering av stångsystemet 20 och därmed brytarens 30 läge vilket innefattar ett spärrpaket 11 vilket styr brytarens 30 läge samt en
15 elektromagnet 12 försedd med en mekanisk låsbygel 13 eller motsvarande don. Då en första nyckel 18 i låset 14 vrids om släpper elektromagneten 12 varvid manöverströmmen till spärrpaketet 11, vilket används för manövrering av stångsystemet och därmed brytaren, bryts. Under förutsättning att brytaren är i läge FRÅN fälls en bygel 13 fram och blockerar mekaniskt manövrering av spärrpaketet 11 från läge FRÅN till läge TILL. Indikering av att
20 manöverdonet är förreglat åstadkoms t ex genom att en grön lampa på manöverdonets utsida tänds samt att en mekanisk pil 16 inne i manöverdonet pekar mot ett grönt fält. En hjälpkontakt 17 indikerar brytarens läge. Då brytaren är FRÅN och manöverdonet är förreglat skickas en signal från hjälpkontakten 17 via kabeln 60 till jordknivens manöverdon 50. Detta är ett av villkoren som måste vara uppfyllt för att möjliggöra manövrering av
25 jordkniv. Om brytaren är i läge TILL då manöverdonet förreglas kan i en föredragen utföringsform brytaren automatiskt kopplas över till FRÅN läge. I en föredragen utföringsform kan brytarens manöverdon förreglas med brytaren i läge TILL. Indikering 70 visar då att brytaren är i läge TILL. Manövrering av jordkniv är ej möjlig i detta läge då detta kräver en signal från hjälpkontakten 17 via kabeln 60 till jordknivens manöverdon.

30 Fig. 4 visar en del av ett länksystem, ett s.k. stångsystem 20, för manövrering av brytarens 30 kontakter. Stångsystemet 20 är försett med en rörlig del 21 vilken är i ett inre läge då brytaren är TILL och ett yttre, synligt läge då brytaren är FRÅN. Genom att med

läge då brytaren är TILL och ett yttre, synligt läge då brytaren är FRÅN. Genom att med den första nyckeln 18 vrida om ett andra lås 22 möjliggörs manuell manövrering av en blockerskiva 23, eller annat blockerdon. Blockerskivan 23 skjutes i sidled och låses fast med en andra nyckel 24 i ett tredje lås 25 så att den rörliga delen 21 och därmed stångsystemet 20 låses i sitt yttre läge. Stångsystemets förregling indikeras t ex med en pil.

Fig. 5 visar jordkniven 40 med dess manöverdon 50. Jordknivens läge styrs av ett länksystem 51.

Fig. 6 visar stångsystemets utformning då fjärrmanövrerad förreglad används. Jordknivens rörelse medför rörelse av blockerskivan 23 via en vridbar skiva 80.

Patentkrav

- 5 1. Sätt vid förregling av en brytare för en enpolig eller mångpolig mekanisk elkopplare, som innefattar länksystem för anslutning av polerna, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att brytarens manöverdon förreglas både elektriskt och mekaniskt, varvid den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen indikeras både elektriskt och mekaniskt medelst respektive indikatorer.
- 10 2. Sätt enligt krav 1, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon åstadkoms medelst handmanövrerat nyckel- och låsdon.
3. Sätt enligt krav 2, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att manövreringen av nyckel- och låsdonet frisläpper ett elektromagnetiskt spärrdon som förreglar ett spärrpaket hos
- 15 brytarens manöverdon.
4. Sätt enligt krav 2, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon utförs med brytaren i öppet läge, varvid avståndet mellan kontakterna utgör isolationssträcka för fränskiljarfunktion.
5. Sätt enligt krav 2, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den elektriska och mekaniska
- 20 förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon utförs med brytaren i slutet läge, varvid det handmanövrerade nyckel- och låsdonet åstadkommer automatisk ändring av brytaren från slutet till öppet läge, varvid avståndet mellan kontakterna utgör isolationssträcka för fränskiljarfunktion.
6. Sätt enligt något av kraven 4 eller 5 k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att nyckeldonet
- 25 friges från låsdonet efter förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon och används i ett andra låsdon för mekanisk förregling av länksystemet med hjälp av ett blockerdon, vilken förregling låses av ett andra nyckeldon med ett tredje låsdon.
7. Sätt enligt krav 6, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att förreglingen av länksystemet visas medelst minst en indikator.
- 30 8. Sätt enligt krav 6, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att det andra nyckeldonet används med ett fjärde låsdon för mekanisk upplåsning av manöverdon för jordkniv eller motsvarande jorddon, vilket fjärde låsdon, efter att jordkniven anslutits till brytaren, låses med det andra nyckeldonet och det fjärde låsdonet.

9. Sätt enligt krav 2, k ä n n e t e c k n a t av att den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon utförs med brytaren i slutet läge varvid nyckeldonet spärras i låsdonet efter förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon.

5 10. Sätt enligt krav 1, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon åstadkoms medelst ett fjärrmanövrerat förreglingsdon.

11. Sätt enligt krav 10, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den fjärrmanövrerade förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon visas av elektriska och mekaniska indikatorer på manöverdonet samt av indikatorer på fjärrmanövreringsdonet.

10 12. Sätt enligt krav 10, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon utförs med brytaren i öppet läge, varvid avståndet mellan kontakterna utgör isolationssträcka för fränksiljarfunktion.

15 13. Sätt enligt krav 12, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att förreglingsdonet innefattar mekanisk manövrering av blockeringsdon för jordkniv, varefter jordknivens rörelse medför förregling av länksystem.

14. Sätt enligt krav 13, k ä n n e t e c k n a t a v att förreglingen av länksystemet visas medelst minst en indikator.

20 15. Anordning för förregling av en brytare för en enpolig eller mångpolig mekanisk elkopplare, som innefattar länksystem för anslutning av polerna, innefattande spärrdon för förregling av brytarens manöverdon k ä n n e t e c k n a d a v att den innefattar en elektromagnet vilken vid frisläppande förreglar ett spärrpaket hos brytarens manöverdon både elektriskt och mekaniskt, varvid den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen indikeras både elektriskt och mekaniskt medelst respektive indikatorer.

Sammandrag

Föreliggande uppfinning hänför sig till ett sätt och en anordning för att förregla en fränskiljande brytare. Vid förregling av en en- eller mångpolig fränskiljande brytare förreglas först brytarens manöverdon både elektriskt och mekaniskt. Då brytaren är i öppet
5 läge utgör avståndet mellan brytarens kontakter isolationssträcka för fränskiljarfunktionen. Den elektriska och mekaniska förreglingen av manöverdonet indikeras både elektriskt och mekaniskt. Därefter förreglas brytarens länksystem mekanisk. Länksystemet låses i förreglat läge. Förreglingen av länksystemet visas med minst en indikator. Förreglingen av brytarens manöverdon och länksystem kan styras manuellt via nyckel- och låsdon eller fjärrstyrt.

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1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the written opinion was drawn on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This opinion has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1 = US 5 196 658 A
D2 = DE 3 025 174 A1
D3 = US 5 477 016 A
D4 = US 5 700 985 A.

Document D1 discloses an electric operator having a reciprocally mounted actuator, which is adapted to be mechanically coupled to an operating handle from a moulded case circuit breaker. The electric operator includes an electric motor for driving the actuator and a mechanical crank assembly which alternatively allows for manual operation of the actuator.

Document D2 discloses an electromechanical interlock for the switching mechanism of a medium voltage switch. A magnet central armature is used to block switch operation and can be overdriven if required.

Document D3 discloses a circuit breaker equipped with an add-on remote control unit. The circuit breaker comprises a mechanical transmission link independent from the main mechanism, to transmit the position of the movable contact to an indicator, which automatically unlocks a latch in the open position to enable padlocking of a rack.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V

Claim 1

The invention defined in claim 1 differs from the cited art in (D1) in that the actuator controls a breaker for a single-pole or multi-pole mechanical switching device.

However, the method to interlock a moulded case circuit breaker both electrically and mechanically, and the indication of that, is disclosed as prior art in D1 (refer to column 4, line 43 - column 5, line 7, column 9, line 47- line 49).

Therefore, it is considered evident that a person skilled in the art, following the teaching of the prior art would arrive at the invention according to claim 1.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claim 1 lacks inventive step.

Claim 15

The invention defined in claim 15 differs from the cited art in (D1) in that the actuator controls a breaker for a single-pole or multi-pole mechanical switching device and includes an electromagnet that on release interlocks a locking package in the actuator. However, the method to interlock a breaker both electrically and mechanically, and the indication of that, is disclosed as prior art in D1 (refer to column 4, line 43 - column 5, line 7, column 9, line 47- line 49). The person skilled in the art, faced with the problem of selecting a device for interlocking a breaker, finds such a device in D2.

Therefore, it is considered evident that a person skilled in the art, following the teaching of the prior art, would arrive at the invention according to claim 15.

Claims 2-14

The features defined in claims 2-14 are, in view of the cited art and general knowledge, considered to be measures obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 2-14 lacks inventive step.

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Document 1 discloses an electric operator having a reciprocally mounted actuator, which is adapted to be mechanically coupled to an operating handle from a moulded case circuit breaker. The electric operator includes an electric motor for driving the actuator and a mechanical crank assembly which alternatively allows for manual operation of the actuator.

Document 2 discloses an electromechanical interlock for the switching mechanism of a medium voltage switch. A magnet central armature is used to block switch operation and can be overdriven if required.

Document 3 discloses a circuit breaker equipped with an add-on remote control unit. The circuit breaker comprises a mechanical transmission link independent from the main mechanism, to transmit the position of the movable contact to an indicator, which automatically unlocks a latch in the open position to enable padlocking of a rack.

Document 4 discloses the general state of the art.

The invention defined in the claims relates to a method and a device for interlocking a disconnecting breaker. The actuator of the breaker is interlocked both electrically and mechanically, whereby the electrical and mechanical interlocking is indicated both electrically and mechanically by means of respective indicators. .../...

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Since there is no teaching in the prior art that would lead a person skilled in the art to such a method and a device, the invention is not considered to be obvious.

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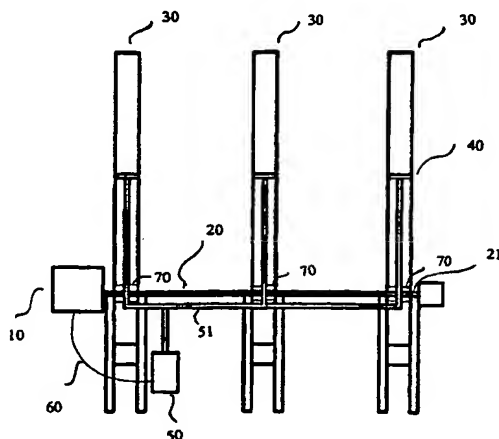
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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INTERLOCKING

Technical field

The present invention concerns a method and a device for interlocking a disconnecting breaker.

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The prior art

Safety regulations have earlier required a disconnecter with a visually open conductor spacing during work on, for example, a high tension switch gear. According to the traditional solution, a breaker and a disconnecter have together ensured that the section of the equipment where the work is to be carried out is disconnected. This type of solution requires at least one, and often two, disconnectors with demanding maintenance in order to ensure their correct function. Each disconnector must be correctly installed with a foundation that requires space and expensive installation time. The present invention is intended to solve the problems described above. The intention is to provide a compact solution, reliable from the point of view of safety, that is simple to manufacture and cost-effective for the customer. The construction permits manufacture of the parts according to known technology.

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Summary of the invention

The present invention concerns a method and a device for interlocking a disconnecting breaker. The earlier requirement for a visually open disconnector has been replaced according to new regulations by the requirement for a reliable indication that the section of the equipment is disconnected.

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During interlocking of a single- or multiple-poled disconnecting breaker that includes a linkage system, known as a "rod system", for closing operation and opening of the contacts of the breaker, the actuator of the breaker is first interlocked both electrically and mechanically. When the breaker is in the open position, the distance between the contacts of the breaker constitutes the conductor spacing of the disconnecting function. The electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator is indicated both electrically and mechanically.

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The interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is achieved with the aid of an electromagnetic blocking unit that can be operated with a hand-operated key- and lock device. The blocking unit can in one preferred embodiment be operated by remote control. In one preferred embodiment, operation of the hand-operated key- and lock device controls an electromagnet that interlocks a locking package of the actuator of the breaker both by

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breaking the operating current to the locking package and by mechanically blocking the locking package. The key device is freed from the lock device following the interlocking of the actuator of the breaker and is used in a second lock device for mechanical interlocking of the rod system with the aid of a blocking unit. The rod system is locked in the interlocked condition with a second key device and a third lock device. The interlocking of the rod system is indicated by at least one indicator.

According to one embodiment of the device, the second key device is used with a fourth lock device in order to free a blocking unit, which makes it possible to move an earth knife or other earth device. Once the earth knife has been connected to the breaker, the earth knife is blocked in its connected position and locked with the second key device and the fourth lock device.

The electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker can in one preferred embodiment be achieved with a remote-controlled interlocking device. The remote-controlled interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is indicated by electrical and mechanical indicators on the breaker and by indicators on the remote-control unit. The remote-controlled interlocking device includes the operation of a blocking device for the earth knife, after which movement of the earth knife is accompanied by interlocking of the rod system. The system according to the invention is very reliable from the point of view of safety due to the interlocking in one preferred embodiment being performed by the exchange of keys, and due to electrical and mechanical indicators showing in different ways that the breaker is interlocked.

Brief description of the figures

Fig. 1 shows a sketch of the principle of a disconnecting breaker for a three-phase system.

Fig. 2 shows a sketch of the principle of a disconnecting breaker for a single-phase system.

Fig. 3 shows an actuator for operation of breakers.

Fig. 4 shows interlocking of the rod system with a blocking plate and lock.

Fig. 5 shows an actuator for an earth knife together with interlocking of the earth knife with a blocking unit equipped with a lock.

Fig. 6 shows interlocking of the rod system during remote control.

Detailed description of preferred embodiments

Fig. 1 shows a sketch of the principle of a disconnecting breaker for three poles. An

actuator 10 controls a link system, known as a rod system, 20 which connects the poles together and controls the positions of the contacts 30 of the breaker. The positions of the contacts 30 of the breaker are indicated on each pole, for example with a mechanical arrow 70. An earth knife 40 is controlled by its own actuator 50, which is in direct electrical
5 connection with the actuator 10 through a cable 60 connected between the actuators. When the disconnecting breaker is interlocked, the actuator 10 is first interlocked both electrically and mechanically with the aid of an electromagnet 12. After this, the rod system 20 of the breaker 30 is interlocked mechanically. The indication is achieved in one preferred embodiment electrically with a lamp and mechanically with, for example, an
10 arrow. The key- and lock device in one preferred embodiment is a Castel lock with the associated keys. When both the actuator 10 and the rod system 20 are interlocked, manual operation and locking of the earth knife 40 according to known technology are possible.

Fig. 2 shows a sketch of the principle of an disconnecting breaker for a single pole. An actuator 10 controls a link system, also known as a rod system, 20 which controls the
15 position of the contacts 30 of the breaker. The positions of the contacts 30 of the breaker are indicated, for example, with a mechanical arrow 70. An earth knife 40 is controlled by its own actuator 50, which is in direct electrical connection with the actuator 10 through a cable 60 connected between the actuators. When the single-pole disconnecting breaker is interlocked, the breaker is interlocked according to the same principle as the three-pole
20 disconnecting breaker.

Fig. 3 shows the actuator 10 for control of the rod system 20 and thus the position of the contacts 30, which includes a locking package 11 that controls the position of the breaker 30 together with an electromagnet 12 equipped with a mechanical locking shackle 13 or equivalent device. When a first key 18 is turned in the lock 14, the electromagnet 12
25 releases, whereby operating current to the locking package 11, which is used for control of the rod system and thus the breaker, is interrupted. Under the condition that the breaker is in the OFF position, a shackle 13 is released downwards and mechanically blocks movement of the locking package from the OFF position to the ON position. Indication that interlocking of the actuator is achieved, for example, by the lighting of a green lamp
30 on the external surface of the actuator and by the pointing towards a green field of a mechanical arrow 16 inside the actuator. An auxiliary contact 17 indicates the position of the breaker. When the breaker is OFF and the actuator is interlocked, a signal is sent from the auxiliary contact 17 via the cable 60 to the actuator 50 of the earth knife. This is one of

the conditions that must be satisfied if movement of the earth knife is to be possible. If the breaker is in the ON position when the actuator is interlocked, the breaker can in one preferred embodiment be automatically breakered over to the OFF position. In one preferred embodiment the actuator of the breaker can be interlocked with the breaker in the ON position. The indicator 70 then indicates that the breaker is in the ON position. Movement of the earth knife is not possible in this condition since this requires a signal from the auxiliary contact 17 *via* the cable 60 to the actuator of the earth knife.

Fig. 4 shows part of a link system, known as a rod system, 20 for operation of the contacts 30 of the breaker. The rod system 20 is equipped with a moving part 21 that is in an inner position when the breaker is ON and an outer, visible position when the breaker is OFF. By turning the first key 18 in a second lock 22, manual movement of a blocking plate 23, or other blockage device, is made possible. The blockage plate 23 is pushed in a sideways direction and locked in place with a second key 24 in a third lock 25 such that the moving part 21 and thus the rod system 20 are locked into their outer positions. The interlocking of the rod system can be indicated with, for example, an arrow.

Fig. 5 shows the earth knife 40 with its actuator 50. The position of the earth knife is controlled by a link system 51.

Fig. 6 shows the design of the rod system when remote-controlled interlocking is used. Movement of the earth knife involves movement of the blocking plate 23 *via* a rotatable disk 80.

Claims

1. Method for interlocking a breaker for a single-pole or multiple-pole mechanical switching device that includes a link system for coupling of the poles,
5 c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the actuator of the breaker is interlocked both electrically and mechanically, whereby the electrical and mechanical interlocking is indicated both electrically and mechanically by means of respective indicators.
2. Method according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is achieved by means of a hand-
10 operated key- and lock device.
3. Method according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the operation of the key- and lock device releases an electromagnetic blocking unit that interlocks a locking package on the actuator of the breaker.
4. Method according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the electrical and
15 mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is carried out with the breaker in the open position, whereby the distance between the contacts comprises the conductor spacing for the disconnecting.
5. Method according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is carried out with the breaker in the
20 closed position, whereby the hand-operated key- and lock device achieves an automatic change of the breaker from the closed to the open position, whereby the distance between the contacts constitutes the conductor spacing for the isolation function.
6. Method according to either of claim 4 or 5, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the key device is freed from the lock device following the interlocking of the actuator of the
25 breaker and is used in a second lock device for mechanical interlocking of the link system with the aid of a blocking device, which interlocking is locked by a second key device with a third lock device.
7. Method according to claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the interlocking of the link system is indicated by at least one indicator.
- 30 8. Method according to claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the second key device is used with a fourth lock device for mechanical unlocking of the actuator for an earth knife or equivalent earth device, which fourth lock device, after connection of the earth knife to the breaker, is locked with the second key device and the fourth lock device.

9. Method according to claim 2, characterised in that the electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is carried out with the breaker in the closed position, whereby the key device is blocked into the lock device following the interlocking of the actuator of the breaker.
- 5 10. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is achieved by means of a remotely controlled interlocking device.
11. Method according to claim 10, characterised in that the remotely controlled interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is indicated by electrical and
- 10 mechanical indicators on the actuator and by indicators on the remote-control unit.
12. Method according to claim 10, characterised in that the electrical and mechanical interlocking of the actuator of the breaker is carried out with the breaker in the open position, whereby the distance between the contacts comprises the conductor spacing for the disconnecting function.
- 15 13. Method according to claim 12, characterised in that the interlocking device includes mechanical movement of a blocking device for an earth knife, after which movement of the earth knife involves interlocking of the link system.
14. Method according to claim 13, characterised in that the interlocking of the link system is indicated by at least one indicator.
- 20 15. Device for interlocking of a breaker for a single-poled or multiple-poled mechanical switching device that includes link systems for connection of the poles, including blocking units for interlocking of the actuator of the breaker
- characterised in that it includes an electromagnet that on release interlocks a locking package in the actuator of the breaker both electrically and mechanically, whereby
- 25 the electrical and mechanical interlocking is indicated both electrically and mechanically by means of the relevant indicators.
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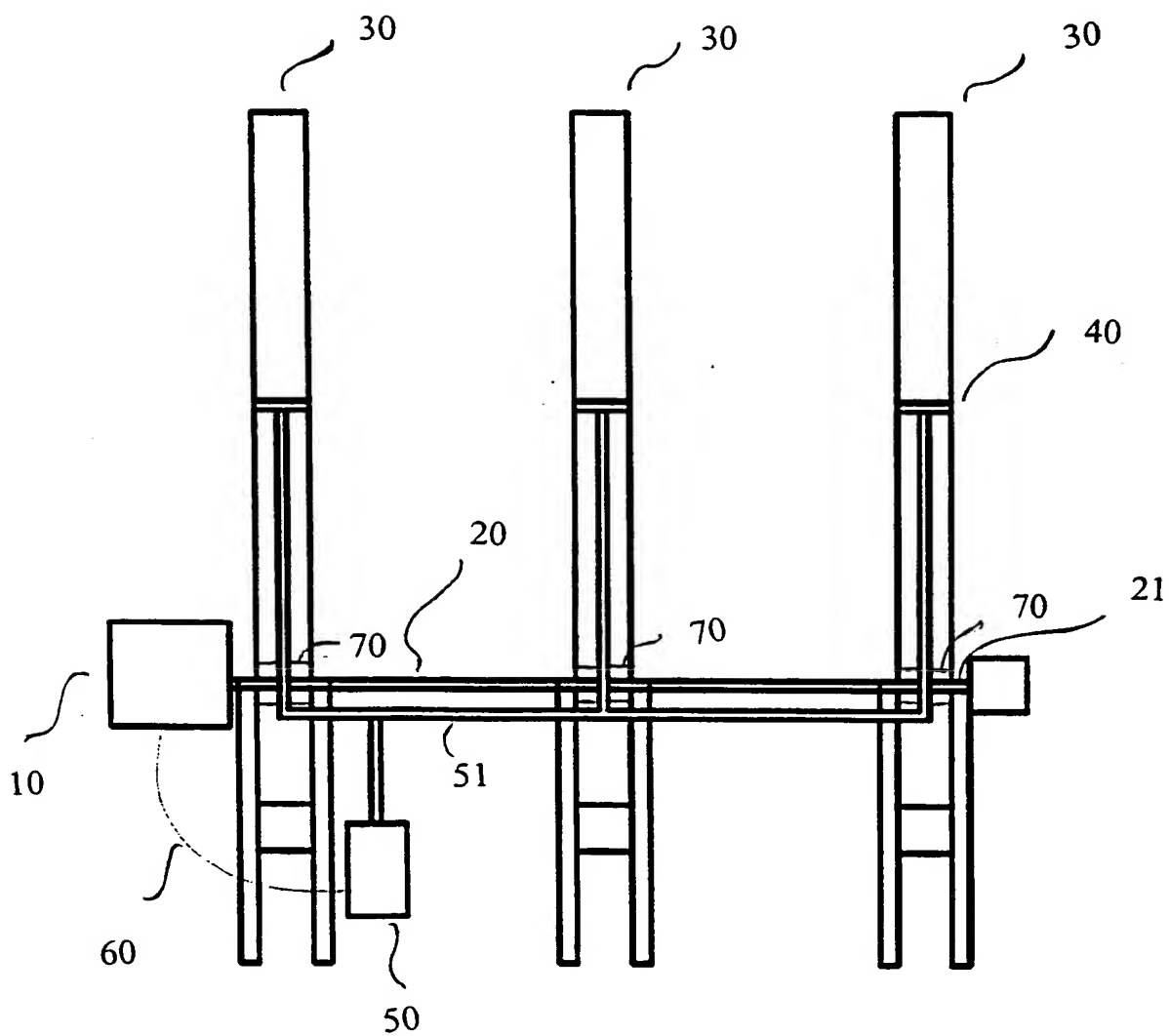


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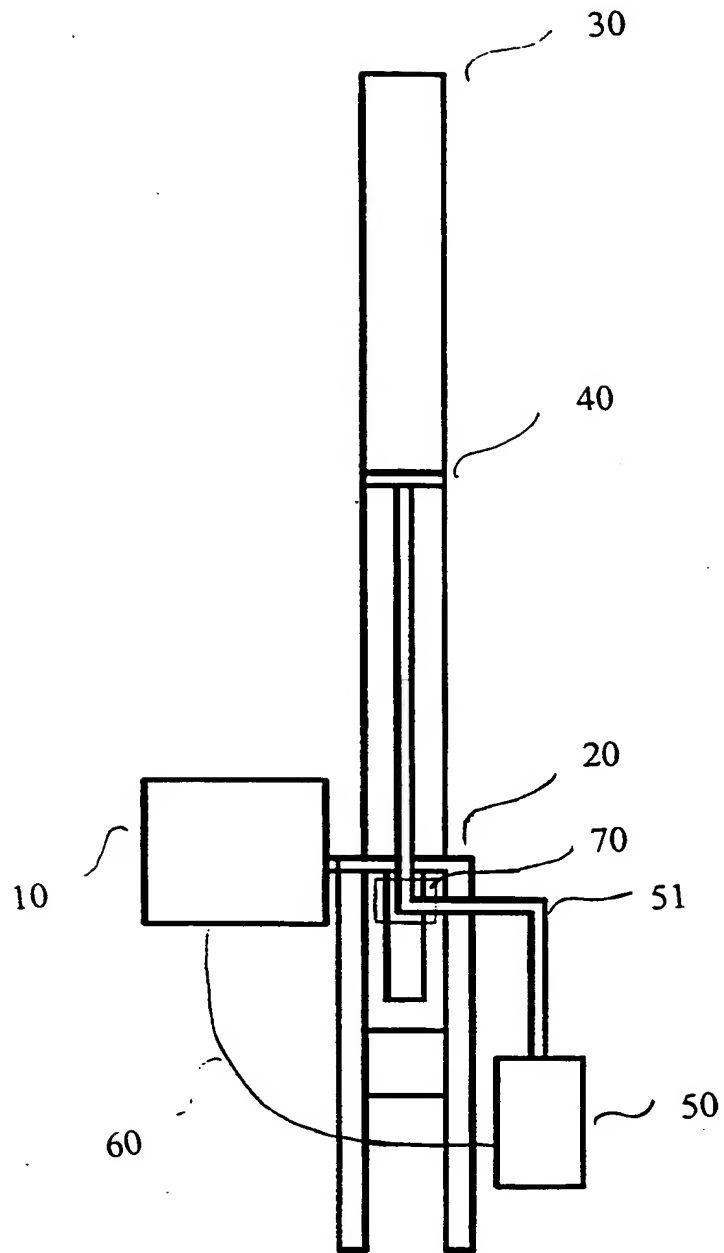


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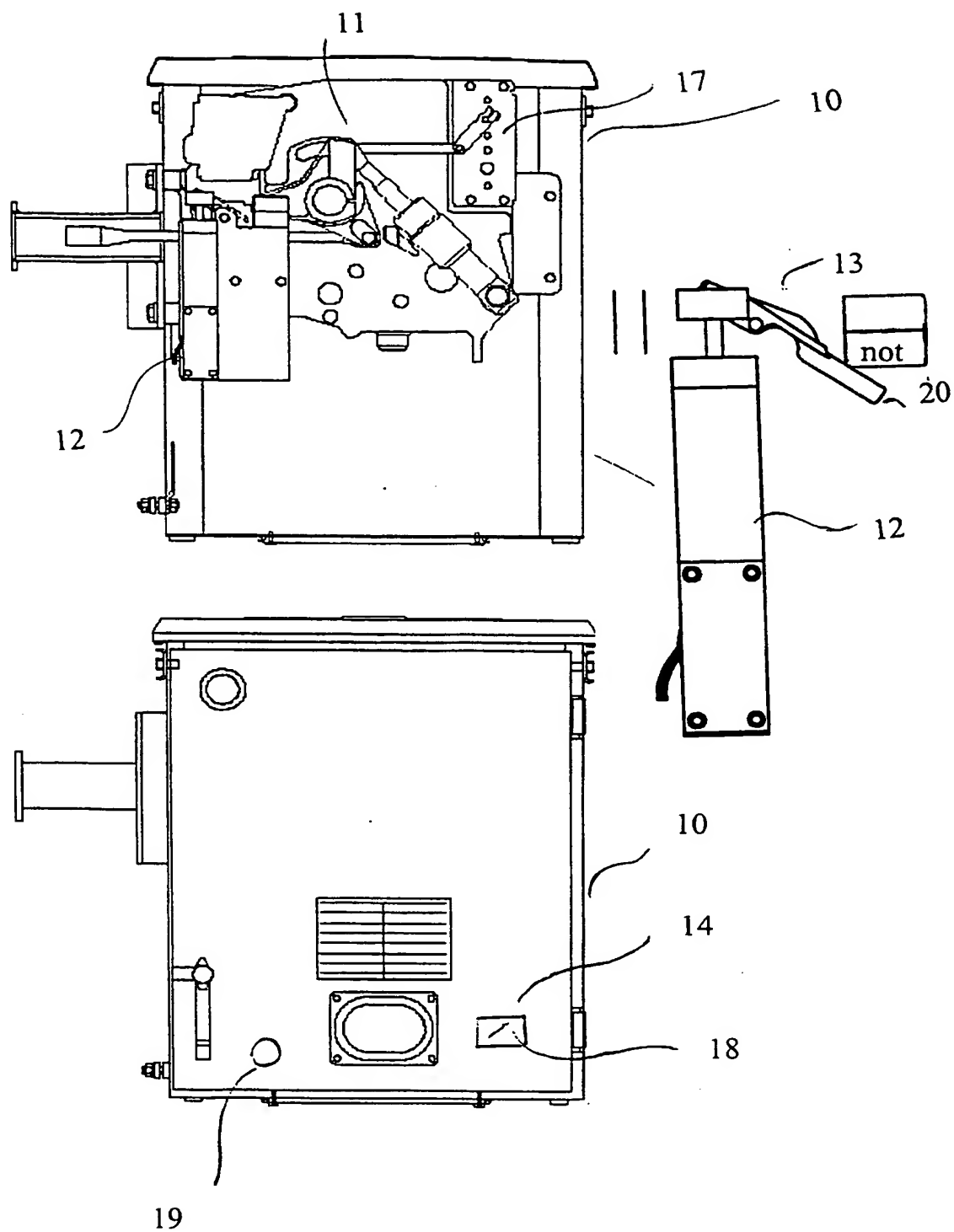


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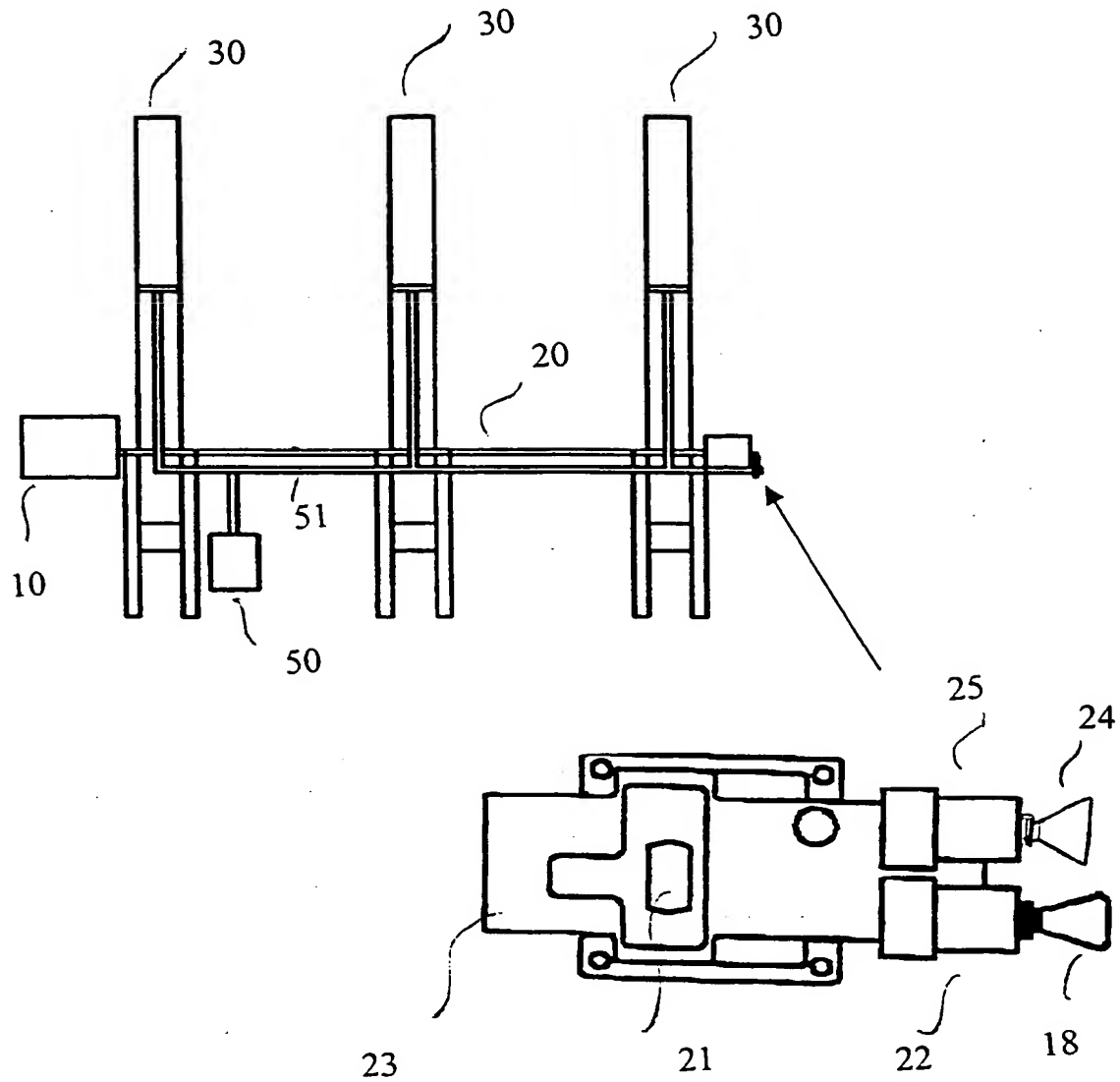


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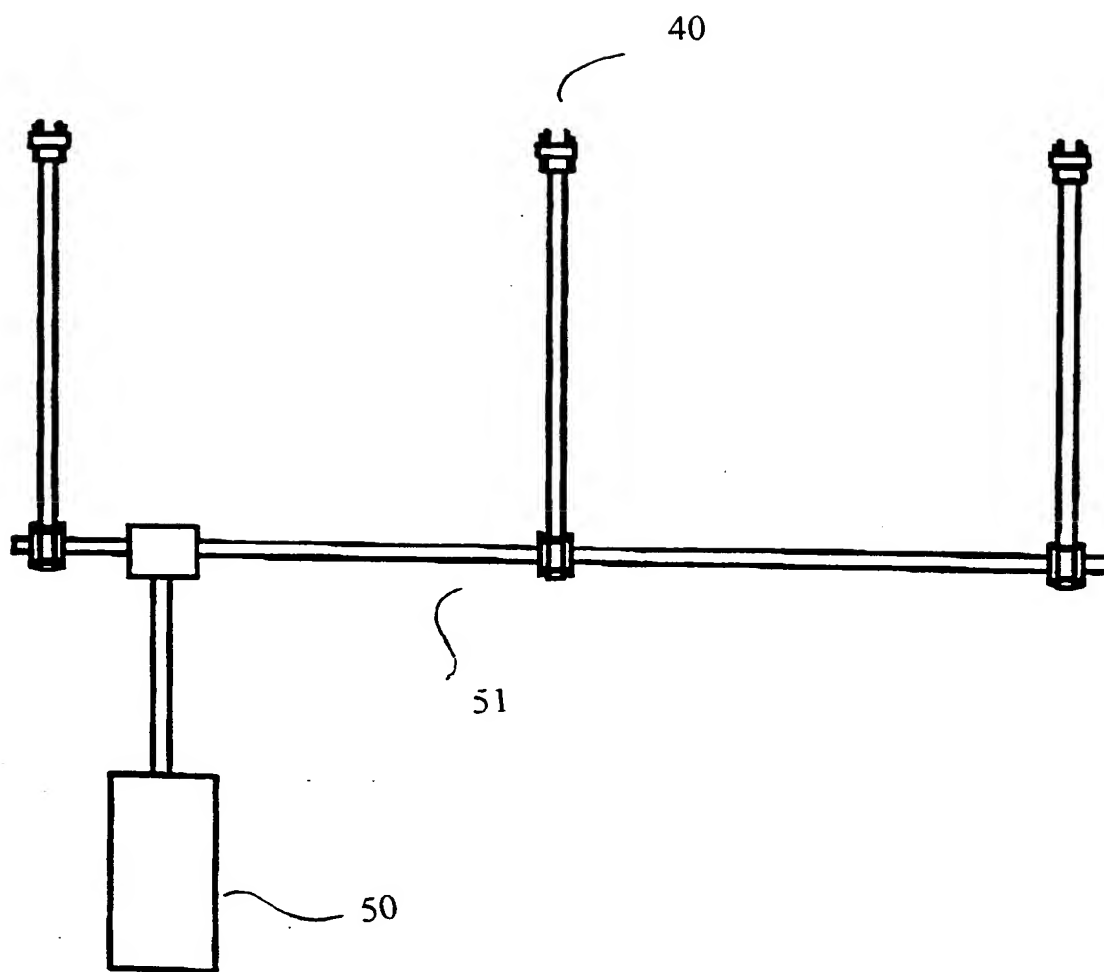


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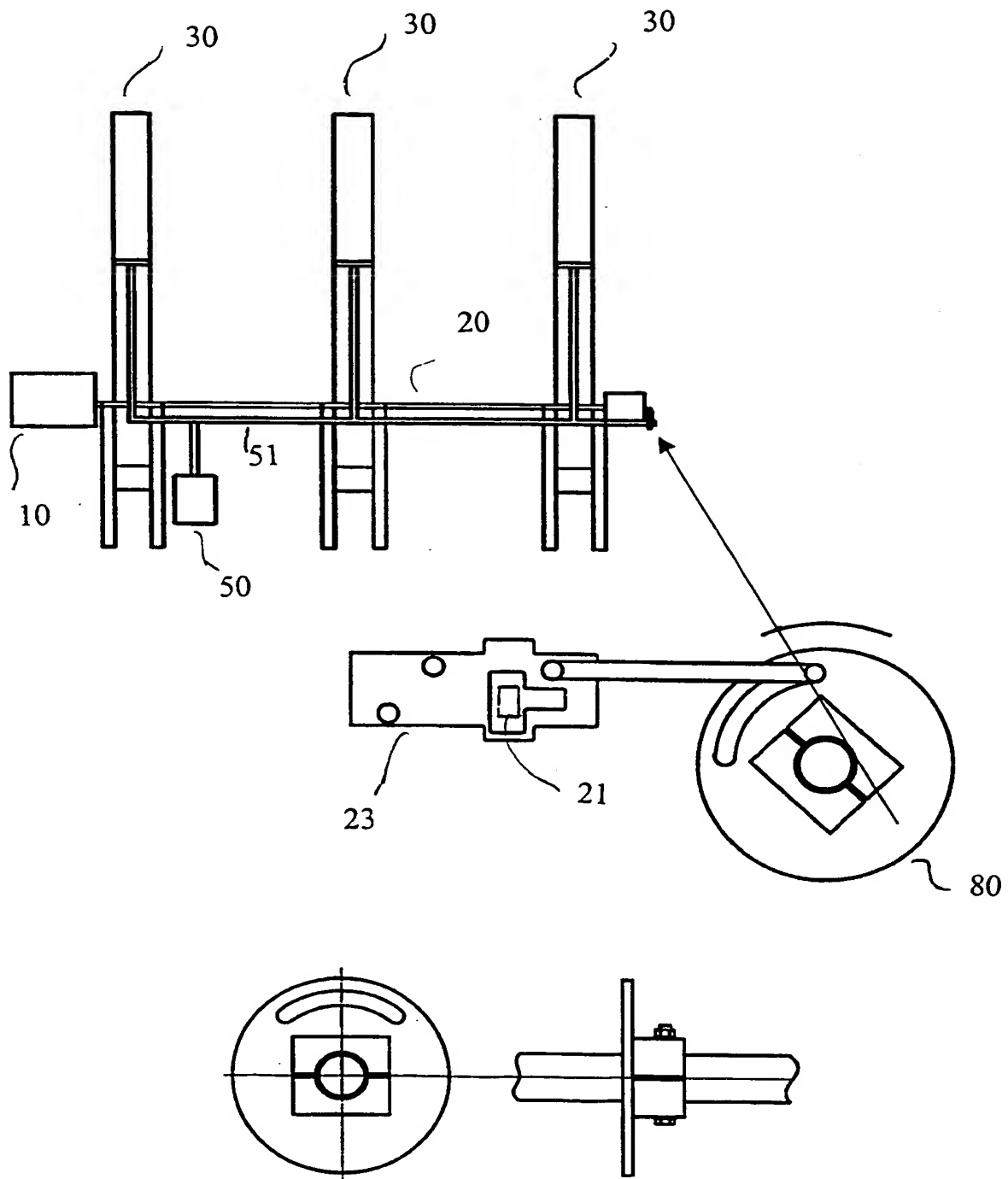


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